

REMARKS

Applicants have amended their specification, including the Sequence Listing, to substitute the formal accession number of *Aspergillus oryzae* strain NS-NAB2 for the provisional accession number set forth in the original specification of the above-identified application, and to provide the Sequence Listing to more fully comply with the applicable rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to the specification do not add new matter to the application.

Applicants have amended the original claims of the above-identified application, prior to calculation of the filing fee, in order to delete multiple dependencies in the claims. In light of these amendments to the original claims, Applicants are adding new claims 21-33 to the application.

The undersigned hereby states that the paper copy of the Sequence Listing as submitted in this Preliminary Amendment and computer readable form (3.5" disk) of the Sequence Listing are identical and contain no new matter.

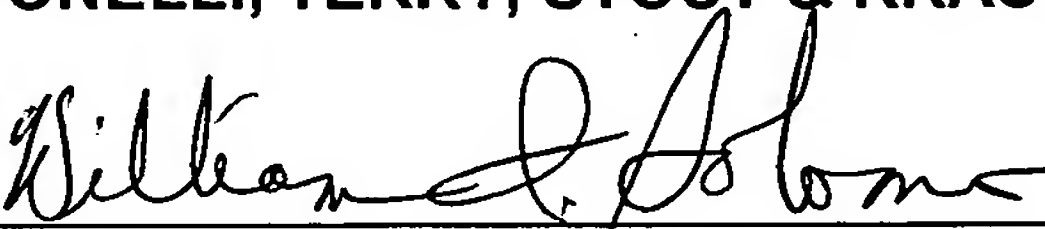
Applicants respectfully request that the enclosed Substitute Specification including Sequence Listing be entered into the application.

Entry of the present amendments, prior to calculation of the filing fee; and, subsequent thereto, examination of the above-identified application on the merits in due course, are respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case 1333.46425X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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